

God's Translation Machine

Scripture: Genesis 5:21-24
Hebrews 11:5
2 Kings 2:11
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Genesis 5:21-24 KJV And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 KJV By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

2 Kings 2:11 KJV And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Introduction

It has already been tested twice. Enoch experienced translation; then Elijah followed. The next use of God's translation machine will involve the catching away of the church, the Bride of Christ. The moment is at hand. It is time to prepare yourself.

I. The translation of Enoch

Hebrews 11:5 NIV By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found because God had taken him away. For before

he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

- A. Characterized by his walk with God
 - 1. In fellowship
 - 2. In obedience
- B. Consistently hungered for God
- C. Was motivated to please God

II. The translation of Elijah

2 Kings 2:11 NIV As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

- A. Characterized by his power with God
 - 1. A drought came at his word
 - 2. Fire from heaven at his word
 - 3. Rain at his word
- B. His spiritual "roller coaster"
- C. His victorious exit from this world

III. The translation of the church

Luke 21 :36 KJV Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all I these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Matthew 7:21 NIV Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

- A. The criteria for being ready
 - 1. Being in right relationship with God
 - 2. Being in his service
 - 3. Being in his will
- B. When the ready leave